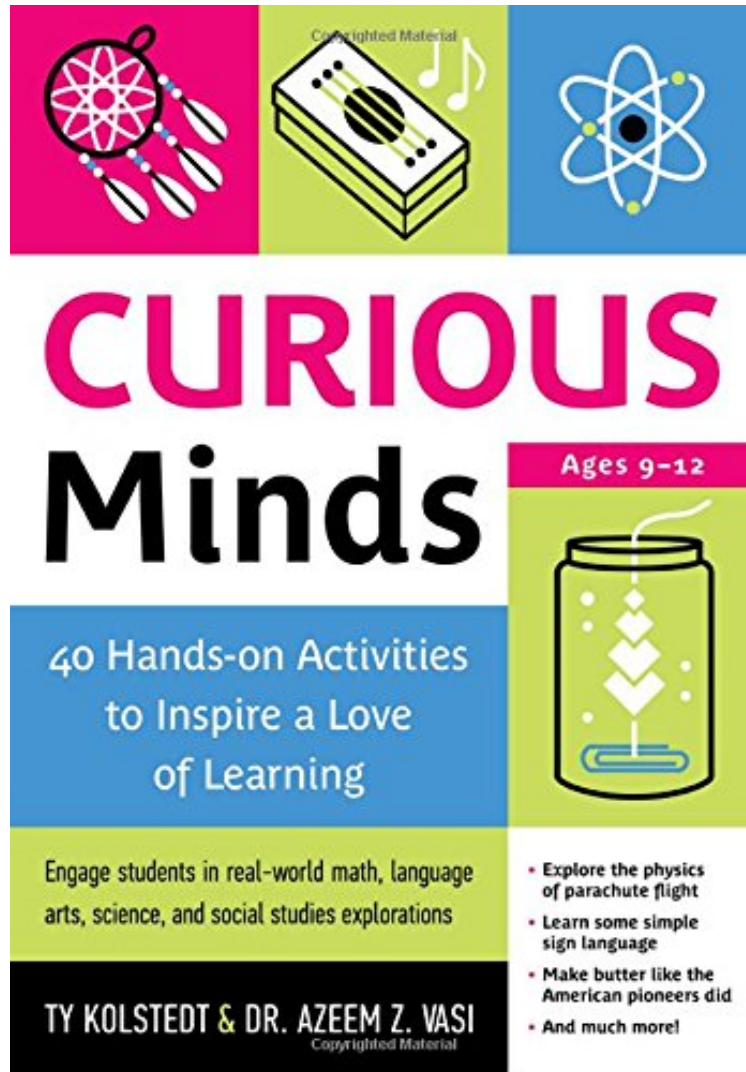


Curious Minds: 40 Hands-on Activities to Inspire a Love of Learning

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Ty Kolstedt, Dr. Azeem Z. Vasi : Curious Minds: 40 Hands-on Activities to Inspire a Love of Learning before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Curious Minds: 40 Hands-on Activities to Inspire a Love of Learning:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. 40 Activities that are life lessons from a couple of guys who really love teaching kids! By DSavage This is a great book for kids I would guess to be 6 - 14 maybe? What I love is the consistency of the ideas. They all form around the core areas of education - Math, Science, Language and Social Studies while sub texting how these subjects are actually used, i.e. Investing (Is a Penny Saved Really a Penny

Earned?), Displacement (How does that Boat Float?), Creative Expression (Take Shelter, there's a Brainstorm Rolling in!), Democracy (Rock the Vote by Rocking the Boat?) etc. Those are just four examples and there's 36 more where those came from! But the really cool thing is each activity is treated exactly the same. It has five different parts that the authors have developed, so after a couple of exercises kids will know (or want to know) what comes next. For each activity you have: 1) Mission Objective 2) Learning the Lingo 3) Materials 4) Plan of Attack 5) Take it to the Max! As you can see, the authors clearly know their target audience and when you see the activities, you'll realize that your kids will really enjoy this approach as opposed to a stuffy, read the chapter, do a quiz and have a great day, Bye bye. I wish there had been something like this when I was a kid, but more than that, I would have loved this when my kids were younger. Whether you work these as a teacher, a parent, scout leader, after school care provide or whatever, the lessons to be learned are extremely valuable, challenging and useful. Oh and bonus! they're fun! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. **A MUST HAVE BOOK FOR HANDS ON LEARNING!** By Matt What a great book! From cover to cover it had activities and ideas for me to use with my kids. It's a constant balance between fun and learning without using an iPhone or a computer which is rare these days! The kids are constantly asking if we can do another activity from "The Book." Can't wait for the next one from these guys! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Finally a book BY educators FOR educators! By Sarah Finn Awesome book by an amazing teacher! It's refreshing to have literature and lesson ideas from actual educators rather than those who have only studied education. The lessons are straightforward to understand, but rigorous and engaging enough for a variety of ages and a variety of learners. A great resource for teachers and parents alike! Highly recommend!

A great resource for parents and homeschoolers in search of kid-friendly DIY projects, educators seeking to enhance classroom lessons, and caregivers or camp counselors looking for activities with a deeper educational lesson behind them, Curious Minds is filled to the brim with learning activities that will excite the eager, gifted child just as much as the special needs learner. Through 40 fun projects designed to promote kids' critical thinking about the interest in the world they live in, Curious Minds fosters active "learning by doing" in four core academic areas: math, science, social studies, and language arts. Each activity includes a short mini-lesson and list of "related lingo" to provide educational background information; a simple materials list; easy-to-follow, illustrated instructions; and guidance for extending the activity. The wide range of projects ensures every child's interest will be piqued. Kids will make homemade butter like the pioneers did; understand viscosity by making homemade quicksand; learn to recognize and use creative writing techniques; make their own ink using natural resources; and much more!

From School Library Journal Gr 3-6 This book of planned-out activities is divided into six chapters, each focusing on a particular unit of study: physics and math, chemistry, language arts, earth science, social studies, and biology. Each section includes six to eight activities that would work well with a variety of age levels, with a bit of modification. This teacher-friendly title is set up like a traditional lesson plan with objectives, materials, step-by-step instructions, and even ideas to expand the lesson. While this title is heavy in the sciences, there are lessons in other areas, such as languages around the globe, media bias, the story of ink, and American immigration. There is a good mix of hands-on action (for those who do best with kinesthetic learning) and traditional independent study. The only downside is there are few illustrations, limited to black-and-white. **VERDICT** With the focus on STEM in schools, this book is a good find for teachers, homeschooling parents, and scout leaders. Jane Hebert, Glenside Public Library District, Glendale Heights, IL [A] convenient resource for educators, activity leaders, and parents alike. Booklist Online